

March 22, 2019

Hello Church Family,

A little over five years ago (March 5, 2014,) I was admitted to the University of Virginia Hospital (we were living in Virginia at that time) to undergo a major colorectal surgery. It had only been ten days since our daughter Abigail (our first child) had been born. Melissa was home alone with our newborn. Her mother, who under normal circumstance would have been with her to help, had recently been diagnosed with ALS and could not be present. Because of major complications following surgery (in which over a meter of my intestines were removed), I ended up spending 25 days in the hospital, had to go under the knife again because of a life-threatening infection that developed, ended up with a post-operative ileus, did not eat for a total of forty days, went home with four JP drains, a peg tube, a pic line (through which I was fed what they call TPN, and an ileostomy bag (that I kept for a total of four months). The catheter they removed before I was discharged. Those 25 days spent in the hospital were the worst and longest days of my life.

Two years prior to that (2012), I began feeling excruciating abdominal pain. We were living and working in Brazil. This went on for months and it wasn't long before we realized something was seriously wrong with my body. There were many sleepless nights when I would crawl on the floor with indescribable cramps. There were many days that I could not stomach food. I had to take a leave of absence. We dipped in to most of our savings. No health insurance. No assets. No hope of getting the help I desperately needed from Brazil's free healthcare system in crowded Rio de Janeiro hospitals. I had come to what seemed like the beginning of the end. Those were the worst and longest two years of my life.

What do you think I did a lot during that time? If you're like me, when something goes wrong you pray for God to make things right. We pray in order for God change the negative circumstances that surround us. We pray for God to heal us or a loved one from disease. We pray for God to help us get out of debt. We pray for God to help us sell our house. We pray for God to help us get the job we're applying for. From our limited view of things, all we can do is plead with God to remove our suffering.

I prayed desperately that God would heal me from Crohn's Disease (an autoimmune inflammatory bowel disease). Well, I can't tell you that God answered my prayer and miraculously healed me of Crohn's. To this day, it is a thorn in my flesh. But does this mean that my prayers for healing were not said in faith? Could it be that if I had had more faith, I may have had better outcomes? After all, didn't Jesus say that the prayer of faith could remove mountains (Matt. 17:20; 21:21; cf. 1 Cor. 13:2)?

While I have been tempted to think this way, today I have a different take on the whole situation. Obviously, God has spared my life, so He has not completely ignored me. During the past seven years, I have seen unmistakable evidences of His love and care in my life. But the fact remains that I still have Crohn's.

Consider these beautiful statements from the book The Ministry of Healing, pages 474, 479:

“In the future life the mysteries that here have annoyed and disappointed us will be made plain. We shall see that our seemingly unanswered prayers and disappointed hopes have been among our greatest blessings.”

“God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as co-workers with Him.”

In His service,
Diego

Please keep us updated on your contact information! We want to keep you informed through email, texts, or calling-posts. The easiest way to keep us updated is to click on this link: chapelooks.org. Then click “Member Info. Update” tab at the top.

THIS WEEK

SABBATH, March 23

9:30 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Worship Service / Pathfinder Sabbath; Sermonettes by Julie Aragon, Loralisha Wilson, Becca McClelland, Jacob Maroil, and Michael Borne

1:30 to 5:00 p.m. – Pathfinder Club Meeting

5:00 to 6:00 p.m. – Revelation Study Group

SUNDAY, March 24

1:30 to 5:00 p.m. – Pathfinder Club Meeting

4:00 p.m. – Kindergarten Round Up at MAA

MONDAY, March 25

TUESDAY, March 26

10:00 a.m. – Bulletin Information due to Melody

3:00 to 6:00 p.m. – Marketplace at New Haven open

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – MOPs/MOMsnext

7:00 p.m. – Studies in Revelation

WEDNESDAY, March 27

6:30 to 7:00 a.m. – Prayer Group Teleconference Call

4:00 to 5:30 p.m. – Food Pantry open at West Lenexa

5:00 p.m. – Music info due to A/V team

6:30 p.m. – Midweek HOPE Meeting

THURSDAY, March 28

3:00 to 6:00 p.m. – Marketplace at New Haven open

FRIDAY, March 29

6:30 p.m. – Youth Vespers at the Charles Humphrey home

7:40 p.m. – *Sabbath begins!*

SABBATH, March 30

9:30 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Worship Service & Communion

5:00 to 6:00 p.m. – Revelation Study Group

Please see important volunteer and donation information related to Nebraska flooding relief included as a .pdf (03-17-19 NEVOAD Special Meeting Summary) attached to this letter!

A promotional poster for the 'Revive Us Again Prayer Conference'. The background is a scenic view of a large, multi-story building with a red roof, surrounded by green trees. The text is overlaid on this background. At the top, the title 'REVIVE US AGAIN PRAYER CONFERENCE' is written in large, bold, black capital letters. Below the title, the dates 'APRIL 19-21 2019' are displayed in bold black text. On the left side, there is a small portrait of a man with glasses, wearing a suit and tie. To the right of the portrait, the text reads: 'Join us at the Lied Lodge & Conference Center, Nebraska City, Nebraska'. Below this, the speaker's name and title are listed: 'Speaker: Pavel Goia, Editor, Ministry Magazine; Associate Ministerial Secretary North American Division'. At the bottom of the poster, the text 'For registration click the link below' is written in white.

<https://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessiondetail.aspx?idCamp=698&campCode=bar&idSession=189298>

You won't want to miss this! What an amazing testimony.

Pavel Goia. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vfqbkkw99I8>



Invite your family & friends to our 2nd Annual International Weekend!

You won't want to miss these two special days of celebration:

Saturday, April 13, 10:45 a.m.

We will celebrate the Sabbath by recognizing diversity through music, worship, language, and fellowship.

Sunday, April 14, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Ethnic foods & entertainment representing more than 20 different countries will be highlighted!

If you would like to participate or learn more about representing the country of your heritage, contact Angela Oruoch or Rosenne Humphrey.

Sophomore Benefit - Saturday, March 23, 8:00 p.m.

Moonlight at Midland promotional video: https://youtu.be/0H0J_C3BUxk

Thanks for your continued support of our Midland students!



A note from the MAA Senior Class of 2019:

Thanks to those of you who came to support the senior class at our benefit last Sunday. We hope you had a good time and enjoyed the different cultures and yummy food. We appreciate your support!

apol·o·get·ics

Apologetics: reasoned arguments or writings in justification of something, typically a theory or religious doctrine.

Dr. Sean Pitman Website: Detecting Design (So good I'm leaving it in yet another week!) <https://www.detectingdesign.com/>



Six Core Commitments for Growing Young

5. Prioritize young people (and families) everywhere. Instead of giving lip service to how much young people matter, look for creative ways to tangibly support, resource, and involve them in all facets of your congregation.

Powell, Kara. Growing Young: Six Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church p. 42. Baker Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.

“How do churches that grow young make youth and emerging adults a greater priority? When they think about budget, strategy, worship planning, programming, community life, theology, and all other aspects of church life, they think about young people. They intentionally pay attention.”

Powell, Kara. Growing Young: Six Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church p. 202. Baker Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.



Discoveries in Revelation Seminar

Chapel Oaks: Tuesday Evenings 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Next topic: Revelation 21, 22



Praying Together with H.O.P.E. (House Of Prayer Everywhere)

Join us for H.O.P.E on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

John 18 will be our passage this week.

"Dear brethren, pray as you never before prayed for beams from the Sun of Righteousness to shine upon the word, that you may be able to understand its true meaning." Testimonies to Ministers p. 111



Next Steps for Your Circle of 8 you are praying for:
Ask them if they have any prayer requests.



How Are Conference Tithe Dollars Distributed?

Conference Tithe Dollar

Conference
71.5¢

Union College
3.5¢

MAUC
9.0¢

NAD & GC
16.0¢



Note: Tithes do not support our local church budget, but God’s message continues to be proclaimed and our world church exists and is growing because of tithe!

Did you know you can return your tithes and offerings online?

Click this link: chapelooks.org, then click on the tab “Offerings (Adventist Giving)”.

“Adventist Giving” App

You can find it at the Google Play store or the App Store on your Apple device. Simply type “Adventist Giving” into the search bar.

Adventist Giving blog provides giving information to members. You can check it out at: AdventistGivingNews.com.

Need More Information?

Bulletin attached

Visit the Chapel Oaks website at: chapelooks.org

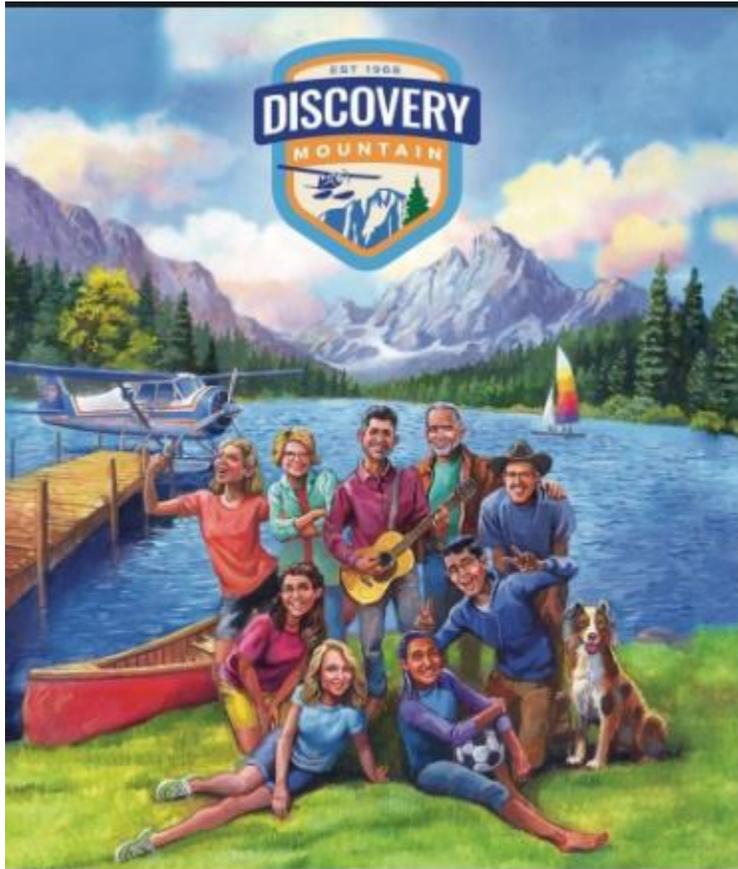


Be a Good Neighbor... Volunteer in Shawnee!

https://www.cityofshawnee.org/Residents/Volunteer_Opportunities/Neighbors_Helping_Neighbors



gorgeous2god.org is a blog dedicated to connecting teen girls to God and to each other, helping them tackle tough issues, and sharing fun, relevant articles. Follow us to be inspired and uplifted! Use #gorgeous2god to connect with us or follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and Pinterest: @gorgeous2God



A new Bible-based adventure
radio series just for kids!



Check Out Discovery Mountain Kids Website!

Coloring, Audio Theater and more.

<https://www.discoverymountain.com/>



It Is Written's New Resource for Children

https://myplacewithjesus.org/?utm_source=IIW%20E-newsletter&utm_campaign=88fd7cfc36-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_10_24_02_30&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c510454e42-88fd7cfc36-10286261

Adventist Radio for Kansas City: *Reach KC Radio*
102.9 FM from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. nightly

You can tune in from the Web here: <http://www.kcxl.com/>. There is the possibility of purchase of FM 99.3 with the major dollars coming from outside of our conference. Please pray about this! You can now give to support *Reach KC Radio* through Chapel Oaks. Just mark your donations *Reach KC Radio*.

Firearms at Chapel Oaks

If you conceal and carry a firearm, the same state laws apply inside our church as any other public building. However, if you are an employee or elected officer of the church you are completely independent in your liability for use of your weapon. Conference policy explicitly states that you are not covered under their policy for liability.